

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Bales, on February 9, 2009 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Bales, Chairman (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 224, 2/4/2009

Executive Action: SB 73

00:01:01 Sen. Bales

HEARING ON SB 224

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:42 Sen. Roy Brown (R), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 224, Transfer \$30 million from general fund to work comp old fund.

EXHIBIT (fcs30a01)

00:05:17 Sen. Laible now present. Sen. Gallus left room

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:08 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:11:21 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business

00:12:46 Sen. Brueggeman now present

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

00:13:10 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:34 Sen. Cooney

00:14:06 Mr. Bennion

00:14:29 Sen. Cooney

00:14:45 Mr. Johnson

00:14:53 Sen. Barkus and Sen. Tropila now present.

00:14:59 Sen. Cooney

00:15:20 Sen. Brueggeman left the room.

00:15:45 Ms. Butler

00:17:08 Sen. Cooney

00:17:18 Ms. Butler

00:17:44 Sen. Cooney

00:17:47 Sen. Bales

00:17:57 Sen. Tropila
00:18:05 Sen. Hawks and Sen. Esp now present
00:18:17 Sen. Brown
00:18:39 Sen. Tropila
00:19:09 Sen. Brown
00:19:37 Sen. Tropila
00:19:38 Sen. Bales
00:19:49 Sen. Brueggeman now present
00:20:18 Ms. Butler
00:20:54 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:58 Sen. Brown

00:22:40 Sen. Bales
00:23:27 Sen. Hawks

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 73

Previous Executive Action on February 3, 2009

00:23:39 **Motion:** Sen. Hawks moved to **RECONSIDER PREVIOUS ACTION**
amending **SB 73**.

Discussion:

00:24:02 Sen. Bales
00:24:17 Sen. Hawks

00:24:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote, present and
voting.

00:24:56 **Motion:** Sen. Hawks moved that **SB 73 DO PASS**.

00:25:13 **Motion:** Sen. Hawks moved that **SB 73 BE AMENDED**.

EXHIBIT (fcs30a02)

Discussion:

00:25:52 Sen. Peterson
00:26:36 Sen. Bales

00:26:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote, present and
voting.

00:26:47 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hawks moved to remove amendment SB007301.atp from **SB 73**. Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote, present and voting.

Discussion:

00:27:22 Sen. Hawks
00:27:50 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division
00:28:53 Sen. Bales
00:29:01 Sen. Hawks

00:29:20 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hawks moved that **SB 73 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote, present and voting with Sen. Gallus voting by proxy

00:30:42 Ms. Purdy
00:30:52 Sen. Bales

00:31:19 Sen. Wanzenried
EXHIBIT (fcs30a03)

00:31:49 Sen. Bales
00:31:50 Sen. Esp
EXHIBIT (fcs30a04)

00:32:57 Sen. Bales
00:33:10 Sen. Wanzenried
00:33:31 Ms. Purdy
00:33:35 Sen. Bales

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:41 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([fcs30aad.pdf](#))